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**Mail Stop RCE**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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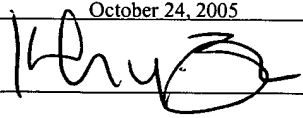
This Preliminary Amendment, which is responsive to the Office Action, mailed August 9, 2005, is filed with a Request for Continued Examination. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this request. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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